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1. List of Officers who have failed to settle their accounts for the year 1818.

Head Quarters August 27th 1812

2.

Cleaveland —

Doctor Horastus K Hawley, Surgeon of the Third Regement Fourth Brigade Ohio Militia

Reposing special confidence in your medical and surgical skill and knowledge in the healing art, I do hereby authorise and empower you to procure a sufficient quantity of those drugs and medicines which you deem most useful and efficacious in restoring health and healing wounds — as will be necessary for the Hospital of the troops detached from this Division. And you will untill such time as a permanent appointment is made direct the concerns of the Hospital of this Detachment

Head Quarters August 27th 1812

3. Return of medicine & surgical instruments on hand on Camp near wooster procured at the expense of Thomas Campbell Surgeon to a detachment of militia from the first brigade & fourth division under the command of Col. John Andrews. [Ed. here follows the list of instruments and medicines.] [12 Sept. 1812]

No. 10.

Head Quarters

Huron Oct. 24th. 1812

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 10th. Instant was recd. by express last evening. I shall without a moments delay comply with the requisitions therein contained. I feel it a duty incumbent on me to make you acquainted in some measure with the situation of my detachment. The extent of lines which required guards from my detachment exceeded 150 miles, at this place between four and five hundred men have been placed, of those a very considerable part, by sickness and death, have been discharged, and new drafts ordered. You may be acquainted with the extent of my division, more than 110 miles square, almost the whole of this extent is unbesieged. My detachment is taken from the drafts of the 100,000 militia ordered by the President.

After my detachment is completed, I must ask the question, how and in what manner are the heavy bills of expence that have accrued in this business to be defrayed, I have spared no pains to effect the object and involved myself and it may be my ruin, should government neglect me. I have, and still continue to place, the greatest confidence in the present administration -- have had the strongest assurances (verbally from Mr. Huntington) for my support.

Very respectfully I remain Your Obedt. Servt.

(Signed) Elijah Wadsworth

Majr. Genl. 4th. Divn. Ohio Milia.

[illegible] mmands, dated as sho[illegible]

transcribed/]

[illegible]

Sir,

I have delayed forwarding [illegible] report until [illegible] [illegible] their returns to me. [illegible] [illegible] has almost elapsed since I ought to have received [illegible] to leave two blanks in my rank roll, [illegible] e date of the Commissions of Colonels Andrews & Anderson I [illegible] to obtain them shortly and shall loose no time in forwarding [illegible] —

[illegible] the subject of public arms I have [illegible] [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] that it [illegible]

[illegible] fully your [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Continuance of blank forms, see 15 above.

No. 17.

Orders from the [illegible] and [illegible],
dated Dec. 5, 1826, not transcribed.

No. 18.

A Return of the 4th Brigade, 4th Div., not transcribed.

No. 19.

A return of 1st and 2d regts, 4th Div., not transcribed.

No. 20.

State of Ohio — [illegible] Genls. Office
1 Jun [illegible]

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to [illegible] the [illegible] Generals of the Respective Divisions, to take effectual [illegible], Arm & equip according to Land, and hold in readiness to march at a moments warning their proportion of five thousand Militia, Officers included, by virtue of a requisition of the President of the United States, and an Act of Congress passed the 10th. April last, Entitled [illegible] Act to Authorise a Detachment from the Militia of the United States.

This therefore is to require of you to take effectual measures for having Nine hundred & seventy nine of the Militia of your Division (being your quota) Viz two Lt. Coll. 4 Majors 14 Captains, 14 Lieutenants 14 Ensigns, and Nine hundred & thirty two Non Commissd. Officers Musitions & privates, Detached and duly Organized in Companies Battallions & Regiments within the shortest period that Circumstances will permit, and as nearly as possible in the following proportions of Artillery Cavalry and Infantry, Viz: One twentieth part of Artillery one twentieth part of Cavalry and the residue Infantry, there will however be no Objection on the part of [illegible] admission

I [illegible]

[illegible]iments [illegible] issued orders to [illegible]

[illegible] ence [illegible]

[illegible]

as they are received [illegible]

Respectfully your Obdt Servt

John Campbell

[illegible]

[illegible] C[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] not [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] roll of [illegible] not [illegible]

[illegible]

More rank rolls, not [illegible]

[illegible]

Chillicothe June 28th. [illegible]

[illegible]

It was not my intention to [illegible] not [illegible]

all the evidence, for and against you, that, under [illegible]

[illegible] possible to procure, to [illegible] them to [illegible]

[illegible] present in the [illegible] to him, [illegible]

[illegible] General Harrison's earnest desire that the [illegible] be

[illegible] made in the house. I feel

[illegible] the weight of testimony [illegible] in your favor, to

[illegible] I believe you innocent of the [illegible]

and to request that you# will, as [illegible] possible, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

On Saturday last I [illegible] a 2d. lieutenancy in the [illegible]

[illegible]

I assure you Sir it is with considerable reluctance I leave you. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

P.S. Mr. Marchevel of this place is an applicant for the place and I have been told [illegible] robation, yours only is [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Salisbury Sep 17th. 1812

[illegible]

I recd. yours of August 22nd. in which you inform me of your [illegible]ected march to join the patriotic arms of your country [illegible] of America [illegible] The [illegible] [illegible] of the enterprize is to be imputed to the gover[illegible] I am some disposed to conjecture [illegible] on themselves by censuring [illegible]

[illegible]uthern influence [illegible]se & his commercial prod[illegible]

[illegible]

has abated & disappeared. Mother is not yet recovered entirely. [illegible] is at School in Sharon Mountain. Mrs. Coffin wife of John Coffin, was buried on Thursday. She died of a consumption. The Season is very wet [illegible] Corn looks [illegible]

I hope you are not in danger from Indians or their friends and allies the [illegible] Write me without any delay [illegible]

Your Brother

Samuel

[illegible] n Church]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1812

Dear Brother,

Agonized by hope & fear concerning the fate of the army under Gen Hull I sit myself down to write away my trepidation Yesterday an account in the Albany paper extracted from a Canada paper, brot us [illegible] of Hulls [illegible] of the raving order it [illegible] it with the Republicans it was evil tidings indeed. To day while all were mourning the fate of our brave Fellow Citizens, our ~~[illegible]~~ [illeg.] papers from Hartford brought a circumstantial account of the surrender of Fort Malden to Gen Hull; with news thus contradictory, we know not what to think or believe. God

[illegible] tidings to be [illegible] cannot divine the cause, with no enemy [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] & imprudent, [illegible] to return home, he was in my opinion folly in the extreme, but the folly & [illeg.] of foresight of the government in not giving speedy notice of the Declaration of War is monstrous. I have long been [illegible] that the Madison administration is weak, too weak for [illegible] Whatever may be your opinion of DeWitt Clinton it is a very general one here that he is the man who can save our hopes; it is [illegible] that he is supported by Federalists, if he is not elected [illegible] I think [illegible] will be [illegible]:

[illegible] to discourage enlistments, & take every opportunity [illegible] & protect [illegible] several of the citizens [illegible] insult them to [illegible] the guards, in [illegible] a very great [illegible] wounds had not [illegible] of the citizens were kept under arrest thro the [illegible] promised to depart in peace. I do not know [illegible] conduct of our governor & council in refusing to [illegible] militia is monstrous and a part of [illegible] government, yet I imagine that our [illegible] tho they can count a majority at the elections; they [illegible]

[illegible] state to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] your account. [illegible] taken you [illegible]

[illegible] in daily encre[illegible] shall [illegible]

[illegible]

Saml Church

To [illegible]hsi n Church]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] of the Garri[illegible]

[illegible] and Col. [illegible] will [illegible]

[illegible] in detail than is [illegible] plain [illegible] have ordered the second, third and fourth and one [illegible]

[illegible] inhabitant[illegible]

[illegible] of our [illegible] frontier [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in small quantities for [illegible]

[illegible] nt a sufficient [illegible]

[illegible] opened addressed to General Hull will not be inclosed.

The articles of capitulation were mislaid at the time of sealing the dispatch. I have not the [illegible] previous to the arrival of the express conveying [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sir,

There has not any thing of importance transpired since my last communication of August 26th. I am making every preparation in my power to check the depredations of the Indians on the property of our unoffending Citizens. Notwithstanding the assurance in the Articles of capitulation, that private property should be [illegible], the Inhabitants who are daily arriving from Miami and the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] will [illegible] four hundred effective men armed with the best Muskets in this part [illegible] the Division. His orders are to erect Blockhouses and [illegible]. The remainder of the troops I shall retain at this place until the pleasure of the Government shall be known on [illegible] it should become necessary to concentrate [illegible] at the westward. The deficiencies of arms [illegible] was expected previous to calling out the Militia. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] their profession of [illegible]

[illegible] the old men [illegible]

[illegible] assured them that [illegible]

[illegible] answer, and appeared [illegible]

[illegible] which had offered the [illegible]

that they considered the [illegible]

the Government will [illegible]

and a sufficient quantity of ammunition, and [illegible] will

enable the Inhabitants to protect themselves [illegible]

of the savages.

With high considerations of respect, I am [illegible]

(Signed) Elijah Wadsw[illegible]

[illegible]th Division. Ohio Mili[illegible]

No. 35.

Head Quarters Cleveland Sept. [illegible]

Honble. Wm. Eustis.

Sir,

In addition to my former letters to you from this place [illegible] situation of our frontier compels me to solicit your atten[illegible] have men but we have few food arms & but a scanty supply of [illegible] stores; every munition of war (except 350 stand of Musket[illegible] of the force under my command hath been supplied by priva[illegible] [illegible] whom have advanced money for necessary supplies; but S[illegible] [illegible] found in this State fit for service & sufficiently [illegible] [illegible] half the [illegible]fted militia. Application hath been made [illegible] [illegible]tion to [illegible] agent at Pittsburg Mr. Johnson for arms, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

cloths. Among th[illegible] There sufferings [illegible]

so far as their wants were known [illegible]

have drawn orders on the commissary to [illegible]

that the Government will afford every assistance to those who [illegible]

[illegible]

eastward. [illegible]

buildings on the Peninsula at Sandusky Bay. Spies have continually [illegible] the country west of the Huron & east of Sandusky Bay — [illegible] notwithstanding, the enemy have evaded the vigilance of the [illegible] by penetrating so far east as the Town of Norwalk situated, seven miles [illegible] of Huron, burned two houses & one barn within two miles & an half [illegible]

[illegible]

Schooner of eighty tons burthen after dismantling her, which had [illegible]

[illegible] shore was not rendered unseaw[illegible].

Property in Salt, Fish [illegible] dollars, Ten days since I was [illegible] to burning [illegible] to the commandant at Huron to [illegible]

[illegible]

by express from Genl. Kelso information, that the last [illegible] of Indians & British crossed from Malden on the 10th ostensibly [illegible]. The Indians amounted 2,000. The Regulars 100 & Milit[illegible] that a party might leave the main body in turning to the [illegible] Huron & attack the troops stationed there, by express I ordered [illegible] commandant to abandon the expedition to the rapids (if he had not already accomplished it) for a few days to increase his spies, double his guards, & prepare for an attack. The express I expect will return this evening.

If the Agent at Sandusky had informed me that the property had not been removed previous to his leaving there it might without the loss of a man been secured, at the time my first troops arrived at Cleveland.

"Three men were killed by a party of Indians eight miles eastwardly of Mansfield. They were from Genl. Beall Camp -- had been on a scout, & returning home, lodged at the house that was attacked. Indians to the number of forty secreted themselves on either side of a road leading from the house to a spring, four of the men went about day-light to the water, when the Indians rose and fired upon them, killed three of them & one has not been heard of since -- five still remained in the house who repulsed every attack made by the Indians, killed two of them (and probably more from the appearance of the blood) only one of which was left behind. In the top of his hat was a scalp, which from appearance [illegible] been recently taken. His pack contained a uniform coat. The [illegible] was recognized to be one of those that had been living at [illegible] Town & but a few days previous was marched through Mansfield with others of his tribe to be protected by the Government. No reliance can be placed on their friendship. With one hand they tender the white [illegible], with the other they grasp the dagger. They threaten to

No. [illegible].

Provision return of Lieut. [illegible] et. al., not transcribed.

No. [illegible].

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Head Quarters Cleveland Sept. 20 1812

Hiram Hanes [illegible] Esqr

Sir

You will deliver over to the contractor all the provisions including Beef cattle, which have been purchased by my order, for the supply of the troops, while stationed at this place, which are now in Your possession taking his receipt for the same

Copy signed E W

No. [illegible].

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Port Age Camp OctoBer 22d. A 1812

Mag general Wadsworth

agreeable to Orders WeKeap one Sentanal at the Store house. But Weareverymuct in Want of Some Blankets as We had no orders to fetch any And the men Begin to Complain as they have no Winter Cloath and have reseved not Any Pay: the mem[n] that I have here has Bin on Constant Duty Two months:

Leut Clendening is a Bout to Prepare teams to take the Property from the Publick store and thenen wish to gard the wagons through to head quarters at huron:

Lothrop Seymour Leut

I would recommend the greatest vigilence on the protection of our frontiere as I am convinced the most Serious attacks are inedetated against all the vulnerable parts of it in rapid succession. The fate Chikager or Ft. Dearborn I presume is Known since writing the forgoing I have Just learned by that a number of Indians returned to Malden on the

[illegible] The enemy have removed all the ordnance and military stores from Detroit and I am informed their are not more than forty Regulars in that place & about from 120 to 150 Militia [illegible] no Indians. I am of opinion [illegible] and town of Detroit and [illegible] would be fully sufficient to reduce Ft. Malden. [illegible] the best information is 200 Regulars of every discription including [illegible] abt. 300 maliti & abt 500 Indians The Ft. is unfinished on [illegible] to be the most accessable part & on [illegible] [illegible] I am of opinion that great exertions o[illegible] to [illegible] to reduce [illegible] as soon as possible & before they get the [illegible] [illegible] rate on the out ward side. I am [illegible]duced to think they have no water in the fort. one of the officers told me they had not till they dug a well lately but I find they have just began a subteranious passage from the river into the Fort this I [illegible] to complete. It will take [illegible] Detroit. There were nine of the 24 lbrs [illegible] are to be mounted at Ft. Malden & five [illegible]

If our troops move on toward [illegible] I am of opinion [illegible] the army ought to Halt at the River Rasin [illegible] boats to cross the River because any boats built on the Lake or otherwise than up some of [illegible]

that River where I think a supply of timber &c could be obtained for the purpose [illegible] Several Blockhouses ought to be established between the foot of the Rapids & Detroit particularly at Raisin the [illegible] where Hulls army built a bridge [illegible] at [illegible]lkers near Brownstown in order [illegible] between the state of Ohio & Detroit. I am of opinion that if it is [illegible] the River below that [illegible] [illegible] opposite to Detroit [illegible] creek & the River [illegible] over each of which there are bridges -- [illegible]

to have seen for some distance below [illegible] any creek or water course to impede the progress of our army. But if some Light Troops & Horse could go on to Detroit while the boats are building & take [illegible] that place they might [illegible] procure a number of boats [illegible]

[illegible] on rafts which [illegible] Cedar [illegible]

[No signature, no addresses.]

Camp at Avery

Sept. 2[illegible] 1812.

[illegible]

On the 26th. Inst. we informed you by letter, that previous to the [illegible] o your dispatches [illegible] Sandusky -- [illegible] a hasty letter received [illegible]

us that he had arrived at that place that his men were all in good health & spirits — that he had found property to a considerable amount. Cornfields belonging to the Indians extensive. A great many fat hogs &c. He earnestly requests permission to [illegible] a post: [illegible] thinks it well calculated for that purpose. That the [illegible] defences & stockades are in [illegible] [illegible] be made to you. [illegible] the following statement of the property found there Viz 60 bbl. of salt 12 do of fish 9 do. of flour, 3 do. of wheat Several do of pork 200 lbs of Iron. a set of Gunsmith's tools, & that the men are continually [illegible]

[illegible] shall [illegible] charge [illegible] [illegible], while we anxiously wait [illegible] subject, & in the mean time earnestly join in the request [illegible] such as it was when we wrote [illegible]. [illegible] appears to have been [illegible].

With high considerations of Esteem [illegible]

[illegible] Shannon M. [illegible]

32 [illegible]

I hereby certify that I have this day caused to be [illegible] of Two companies detached from the 1st Regt. 4th. Brigade 1st Division Ohio Militia commanded by Capt. Clark Parker and [illegible] Murray the property hereafter [illegible] which was [illegible]

[illegible] Appraisers [illegible] the following Articles, to wit, One [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] property of Samuel M. [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible]

above property has been delivered over to the commandant [illegible]

aforesaid Companies

Cleaveland Cuyahoga County County 26th. August AD 1812

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

9 9 [illegible]

Bondstown August 19th 1812

Sir

The Claim which I have on Mr. Walter Brigham is for a rifle which I left in his possession at [illegible] Dougals store some time in the month of Sept 1811 and authorised him to sell it on the Conditions that he was to [illegible] I would [illegible] Brigham [illegible] store or [illegible] —— [illegible] I called [illegible] a watch and three dollars in money the bargain did [illegible] I thought of little value and did not accept it —— He then told me he would buy the rifle [illegible] not seen Mr. B but I wrote [illegible] requesting my pay, [illegible] store and that he would never [illegible] rifle —— [illegible]

[illegible] not until, and the

[illegible] ement obtained --

[illegible]

court or other In the morning of the day of trial at the [illegible] of Mr.

[illegible]

[illegible] for him to attend and [illegible]

[illegible] waiting -- The testimony of Mr D Holley at the court were that Mr B told him last fall that he had a rifle of mine to sell for [illegible] and further that he were informed by Mr. B afterwards that he had sold the rifle [illegible]

The testimony of Mr George McDougal was that he was present when [illegible] brother and Mr. B were a settling and that Mr B wished McDougal [illegible] was unl[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours

Thomas Elliot

[illegible]

[illegible]

Here follow several [illegible] for supplies, not transcribed.

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